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"Arkansas' Largest Little Bank"

By Lin H. Wright

They stood around in clusters of three or four discussing the questions of the day:

Who or what had failed, causing the White Star liner Titantic to ram an iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland in mid-April sending 1,517 persons to watery graves?

When would the painfully slow construction on the new state capitol building at Little Rock be completed?

Would student unrest that had erupted in a winter-semester strike break out again next fall at the University of Arkansas? And what was the younger generation coming to, anyway?

Was the persistent rumor true that Governor Joe T. Robinson was thinking of resigning to run for the United States Senate?

It was 10:30 a.m., May 14, 1912, and the group — some say as many as 20 were present, others remember not more than eight — was meeting to establish a new bank at tiny Elkins, some 12 muddy miles southeast of Fayetteville, the Washington County seat.

They had already been assured that the state would look with favor on their application for a charter. After all, the need for a bank was evident. The population had grown to nearly 100. The Frisco Railroad, from a turntable at Pettigrew, linked Dutton, St. Paul, Delaney, Crosses, Durham, Elkins, Harris and Baldwin to Fayetteville with two strands of steel over which glided people, cattle, lumber, and grain. Business was brisk and the prosperity of Elkins was reflected by several automobiles that carried their owners to the city without regard for the train schedule. Carried them, that is, if the road was dry enough to support man and machine.

Yes, nearly everyone agreed, Elkins and the hamlets around it needed a bank.

The business of the morning was to make plans for a building and to elect executive officers for the new financial institution. They took care of both matters with dispatch. Before noon, R. D. Stokenbury was elected president, Dr. C. E. Swift was named vice president and L. Hayden Smith was appointed cashier at an annual salary of $1,000. Stokenbury, G. E. Henner of Elkins and Bruce Holcomb of Fayetteville were appointed a committee of three to oversee construction of a small, single story brick structure in the heart of town, a building that was completed in less than six months.

Officially, the Bank of Elkins was chartered on June 1, 1912, with

original capital stock of $10,000. The incorporators included R. D. Stokenbury, Swift, Henner, and Holcomb and Dr. G. D. Counts, Mark D. Moore, H. S. Stokenbury, L. H. Smith, W. M. Meredith, Lucas Brothers, George W. Bassett and J. S. Watts of Elkins. The first board was made up of R. D. Stokenbury, Swift, Counts, Meredith, Henner and Holcomb.

Before the year ended, others bought stock in the bank. Among the early stockholders were C. S. Williams, J. P. Stokenbury, R. C. Reed, J. R. Vail, Bruce Brashears, and Mrs. J. E. Parker of Elkins; E. M. Johnson of Wesley (Madison County); Art W. Lewis, Jay Fulbright (father of Senator J. William Fulbright) and John F. Mulrenin of Fayetteville. Mulrenin was awarded the first printed stock certificate.

The early investors had high hopes for the little country bank, but it is doubtful that they envisioned a bank that would grow significantly in its first 60 years, even though the town wouldn't. But that's what happened. As of June 1, 1972, the bank's assets totaled $4.7 million. The population of Elkins was 418.

Under its first three presidents — R. D. Stokenbury, Bassett and H. F. Stokenbury — the bank grew but little. It profited gingerly in the World War I economy of 1917 and '18 and enjoyed a smidgen of post-war prosperity in the early 20's under President John Clark of Fayetteville, who represented the Fulbright interests.

In 1928, J. E. Bunch of Kingston, who was in his third year as assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Springdale, bought out his uncle R. C. Bunch's holdings in the Bank of Elkins. On Nov. 1 of that year J.E. (for Joel Ernest) was elected cashier at the age of 26. Almost a year to the day later, on Oct. 29, the stock market fell apart at the seams and with it thousands of banks throughout the nation. Like the others, the Bank of Elkins was closed during the moritorium. When it was lifted, however, the little bank was one of the first in Arkansas to re-open the first day. Bunch recalls with a hint of pride in his sometimes brusk voice, "By 2 p.m. on the day we re-opened, people deposited more than $5,000 with us, and there was less than $500 in checks against us."

Cashier Bunch, his assistant, Clyde West and Mrs. Fulbright, who succeeded Clark as president, kept the bank on an even keel, weathering the storm of the Depression by jettisoning poor risks and keeping good customers in the boat. Bunch remembers Mrs. Fulbright fondly. "That Roberta, what a charmer she was! She could wrap the entire board around her finger and make every member think that what she wanted done was his idea. But, above all, we respected her because she was a darned good business woman." Roe Stokenbury succeeded Mrs. Fulbright to the presidency in 1940.

As times grew better with a booming war-time economy, Bunch quietly began buying out some of the stockholders. By 1950 he owned

the majority of the bank's stock and had become its seventh president as well as the chairman of the board.

The 1960's represented the Bank of Elkins' fastest growth period, for a number of reasons. One was the generally healthy state of the nation's economy. Another was the completion of a good paved road that reduced the travel time to Fayetteville to 15 minutes. Finally, and perhaps most important, Bunch's two sons bought stock in their father's bank. Joel L. Bunch joined the Bank of Elkins in 1961 after serving two years in the Army. (He's still in the reserve, a major.) John A. Bunch Sr. made it a full family affair in 1964, giving up his position with the State Banking Department to return to Elkins.

The Bunch family now own the majority of the bank's stock. The board includes J. E. and his wife (the former Edyth Stokenbury of Elkins), Joel, John Sr., and Roe Stokenbury, the former president and son of the bank's first chief executive. The minority stock is held by several Elkins and Fayetteville investors.

The advent of John A. and Joel brought to the bank one thing sorely needed — additional manpower to service the growing number of accounts. Equally important, the two boys brought new ideas. The bank had long ago outgrown the original quarters in the center of town. So, in 1966, with assets of more than $2 million, the Bunches built a $100,000 bank building on Highway 16 on the northwest side of Elkins. The new building, that is the pride of Elkins, was opened May 6. The original bank building now houses the Elkins Volunteer Fire Department.

Thanks to the efforts of the younger Bunches, who have been successful in wooing new accounts, the bank's assets have more than doubled since 1966. John A. and Joel have promoted "no-cost" checking account plan conceived by J.E. that appeals to many people, particularly those who are trying to make every penny count. A staff of nine handles more than 2,000 checking and 1,100 savings accounts. The bank pays postage both ways supporting the checking account plan with newspaper and radio ads.

"Our bank-by-mail program," says John A. Bunch, "has been so successful that it is not unusual for us to meet a depositor when he opens his account, then not see him again for six months."

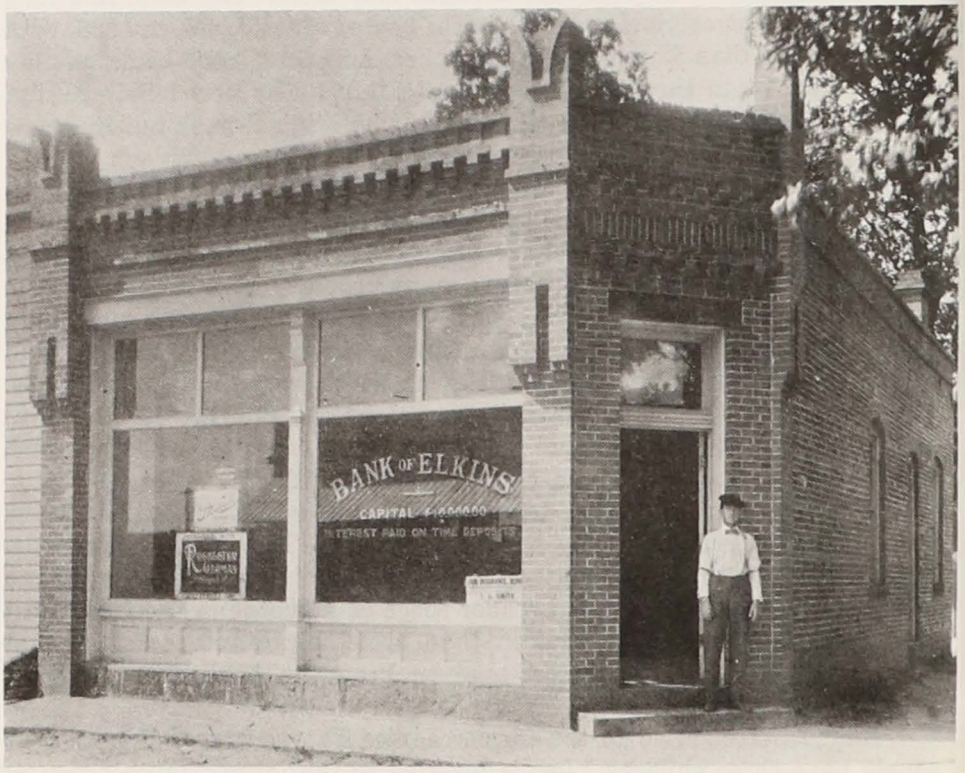
John A., 40 and Joel, 37, are as different as opposite sides of a coin. They think differently. They speak differently. They dress differently. They have different outside interests. But their dissimilarities have been good for the bank, giving it a broader scope of influence in the Northwest Arkansas community. More often than not, their differences insure at least two views of things and tend to keep the bank from growing stodgy or smug.

John A. is married to the former Janice Thornberry of Combs. The couple have three children. Joel is married to the former Joyce Eaton of

Kingston who is head teller and chief bookkeeper at the bank. They have two children.

When the bank moved into its new home in 1966, John A. and Joel set a goal of $4 million in assets by the end of 1972, the bank's 60th anniversary year. On Oct. 14, 1971, they reached that goal — more than a year ahead of schedule. Before the end of 1972, the bank's assets will probably exceed $5 million, remarkable, by any stretch of the imagination, for a town whose population is 418. Because the ratio of assets-to-population is so immense, the bank is using the slogan "Arkansas' Largest Little Bank" during its 60th anniversary year.

Ironically, in June of 1972, the month the bank was chartered 60 years ago, officers and stockholders filed an application with the State Banking Department to move the Bank of Elkins to Fayetteville and to change the name to the Bank of Northwest Arkansas. At this writing, the outcome of that request is being awaited. If the application is approved, the Bank of Elkins will become the Bank of Northwest Askansas' branch, assuring the continuation of a financial institution that has served a tiny town so very long and so very well.



The Bank of Elkins in 1912 with first cashier L. H. Smith on the front step

EARLY VIEW OF MAIN STREET IN ELKINS

Phelan Family, General Synopsis

By Ardys Moore Crapo

I have been asked by my family to prepare a history of my Phelan family — the family of my mother, Maude Hannah Phelan Moore. For many years it has been my aim to preserve for posterity the beginnings of our family, of which the Phelan family is part. However, having a desire for a perfect record, I have been reluctant to place it in print, lest all the information given be not perfect. But the time has come to realize that as long as humans are involved, it can never be perfect. There will be human errors in this story, although not intentional. I hope these errors will be called to my attention. It will not embarrass me for errors to be mentioned. Rather, I encourage it, for genealogy is a science and one mistake is all it takes to lose ones own family and follow anothers. This story will be rewritten many times — each time it will grow longer and more perfect. But here is my humble beginning.

No story can be written without help from others. I cannot name all those who have helped me, space is too prohibitive and yet there are those who must be mentioned.

HELPERS

First of all there is my mother with her remarkable memory and her Bible. She told about her family and life in Arkansas long before any interest in genealogy was manifest. Then there was her step-brother, Frank Swift, for whom I had a great attachment and who answered every question I asked him — and there were many. Also mother's cousin, Bessie Phelan Ford, daughter of Thomas Phelan and the last of mother's generation who is still a sounding board.

The others with whom I correspond and have grown to love include Bob Blue, great-grandson of my Evan Phelan; Lida Wilson Webb, granddaughter of Jonathan Phelan; Ruth Moyer Land, great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Phelan Pruitt Brinson Garner; Bob Phelan of Fayetteville, who shares our common goal and last, but far from least, there is FLASH-BACK which makes our family come alive again. It is fitting that it be here that the first of my Arkansas families have its story told.

THE PHELAN STORY

My great-grandfather Richard Phelan was born in Georgia about 1801. He married Hannah Sutton, born in Ohio about 1806. Tradition says that Richard was a blacksmith and that the anvil he used was brought from Ireland to America by his grandfather. That he had "smithy" tools is borne out by an agreement dated 25 June, 1844 wherein Richard did rent his smith tools to Isaac Henry of Fayetteville, Ark. to

make one hamer (sic) and two pair of tongs. The rental fee was one dollar per month and Henry could use the tools for five months. In this article of agreement (FLASHBACK, Vol. VII, No. 1, page 11) the name Phelan was spelled Fielding, Phelon and Phailan. Richard himself, in this instance, signed it Phailan. Other spellings — Feelin, Feeling and Pheland have been found at various times.

Richard's anvil was given to my grandfather, Abijah Taylor Phelan, and upon his death it passed into the hands of his step-son, Frank Swift, who, in turn, gave it to me, provided I would make a trip to Farmington, Ark. after it. However, when I arrived from California, the anvil had been "borrowed' by persons unknown and could not be found. Uncle Frank was positive it would be returned, but two successive trips found the anvil still missing.

Tradition also says that the early Phelan ancestor who settled in Georgia married a Cherokee Indian maiden. No positive proof of this has yet been found, although this legend persists in many branches of the family, and physical characteristics in the families tend to give it credence.

Another story handed down in many branches of the family, is of a great inheritance due the seventh generation of the family — a great fortune left by an early ancestor in Elizabethtown or Newark, N. J. Whether this was from the Phelan or Sutton family line has not been determined, but Richard and Hannah's children were all sent papers to be filled out many years ago. My mother often told of her father receiving letters from Ireland about an inheritance there. He kept those letters in a black and white cowhide box, and it was one of her earliest memories. Be that as it may, more important than the money after so many years, is the hopes of someone someday finding the real treasure — the finish of the story!

THE MOVE TO ARKANSAS

We know that Richard Phelan was a farmer, and that he came with his wife and children to Washington County, Ark. in 1834 or 1835. At the time of his arrival, his family numbered seven — Richard and Hannah and their children: Jonathan, Evan and Elizabeth, all born in Indiana; Thomas born in Illinois and Jeremiah S. or L. who was born in Missouri.

Arriving at the same time was Jesse E. Phelan, presumed to be a brother of Richard. Jesse was born about 1798 in Georgia. His wife, Diana, was born in Tennessee. With them came their first four children.

Jeremiah Sutton, a brother of Hannah Sutton Phelan and his wife, Margaret Phelan Sutton also came.

These three families can be found in the 1840 census of Washington County. Jeremiah and Margaret were born in 1803 and 1805 in Ohio.

He died in 1859 and she in 1874. Both are buried in Comb's Chapel cemetery near Fayetteville.

Other Phelan families were known to have been in Arkansas before 1840 but do not appear on the 1840 census.

We know Jeremiah Phelan, born in 1813 in Ohio and his wife Francis were in Arkansas by this time. He too was a brother of Richard.

Arriving in Arkansas at the same time were William J. and Mary Cassiday, and it is in their home that we find in the 1850 census, Jeremiah Phelan, born about 1777 in Pennsylvania, who it is believed, almost certainly to be the father of Richard, Jesse, Jeremiah and Margaret. Mary Cassiday was, perhaps another of his daughters. She was born in Ohio in 1820. No proof has been established, but her children carry the same given names as many of the Phelan families. The elder Jeremiah Phelan died about 1863.

Also listed in the 1850 census is Thomas Phelan, born in 1790 in Georgia, and his wife Jemima. It is believed he is a brother to the elder Jeremiah and an uncle to those who arrived earlier. Another Thomas Phelan, born about 1828 in Tennessee, whose wife was Sarah Skelton, who was listed in the 1850 census, is thought to be the son of Thomas and Jemima Phelan, although this has not been proved. All of these families, with the exception of Thomas and Jemima, settled in Prairie Township. They chose Mountain Township in which to make their home.

The first record I have of Richard buying property was on Dec. 17, 1835, when he bought the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section N, 25 in the township N 16 N of range N 30 west, containing 40 acres, for which he paid $50 — $1.25 per acre. There are many other records of him purchasing and selling property and at the time of his death in 1866, his remaining nine children divided 140 acres with 140 acres going to Hannah Sutton Phelan as her widow's dower. She died between Nov. 10, 1874 when she wrote her will and Feb. 23, 1875 when it was probated. Eight of her 10 known children survived her.

Because of the spacing of the birthdays of the children known to be issue of Richard and Hannah, it is possible that there may have been others, but here are the ones we know about.

JONATHAN PHELAN

Born about 1823/25 in Indiana, he was married on Aug. 25, 1870 to Mary Susan Jones daughter of Benjamin Jones. Her mother's maiden name was Burke. Jonathan was injured in one lung in the Civil War. It is not known on which side he fought. In 1877 he began a journey to Texas for his health. He was accompanied by his wife, children, and two of his wife's brothers — Bob and John Jones. One then another became ill along the way. At Stringtown, Okla. (then Indian Territory) they

worked at hauling lumber for a Mr. Colbertson. To supplement their income, they also hauled water and sold it. Jonathan became very ill and was sick about two months before he died Aug. 7, 1877. He was buried under a big oak tree near Stringtown.

After Jonathan's death, Bob Jones took Mary Susan and the children to Missouri to her parents. Bob Jones helped support them until his marriage. Mary Susan unable to support the little girls, put them into different homes to work for their room and board. She died and is buried at Fulton, Mo. Jonathan was described by his daughter Esther as a kind loving father who taught her to sing hymns. She was but six years of age when he died. Jonathan and Mary had four children: 1. **ESTHER,** born 6 July 1871 at Cincinnati, Ark. Married Dudley Wilson on 20 Jan. 1897 at New London, Mo. She died in Aug. of 1962. Her children were: Arthur Maynard, Lloyd Alva, Lyda Fern and Dorothy Adaline. 2. **BENNIE,** born in Arkansas, died at 15 to 20 months; 3. **AMANDA** born in Arkansas, married 25 Dec. 1895 to Frank Decker. She was the last of the children to die. Her children were Eva, Roy, Marie, Ethel, William and Robert. 4. **RUTH,** born in Indian Territory. She never married but worked as a companion to other women. She died in Chico, Calif.

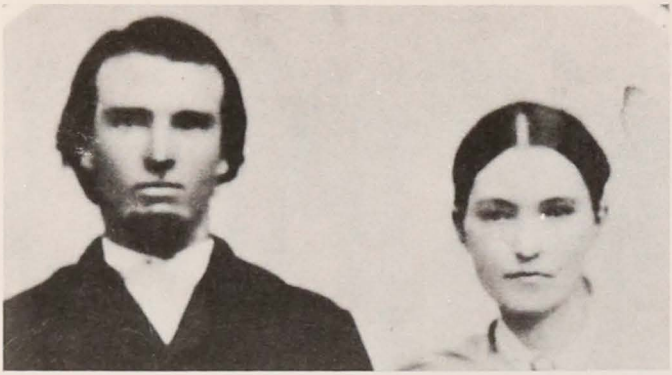
EVAN PHELAN

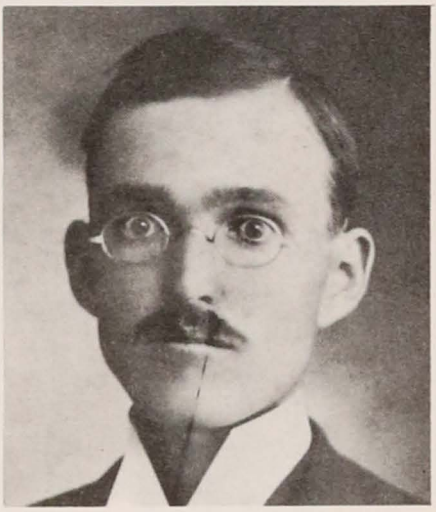
Born about 1827 in Indiana, he married Sarah Elizabeth Derrick in California on 15 Dec. 1870. In 1870 he was a justice of the peace and lived in Secret Ravine in Placer County, Calif. He died 2 Jan. 1892 and is buried at Marysville, Yuba County, Calif. His children were: 1. **ABIJAH** (1871-1940) married Malina Eich. Their children were Elmer, Wilbur, Pearl, Lloyd and Alta. 2. **HATTIE** (1875-1943) no issue. 3. **CHARLES J.** (1876-?) married Clara. Their children were Percy and Cassie. 4. **EDDY,** no information. 5. **ERNEST** (1880-?). 6. **BERTHA** (1884-1964) married Mr. Simmons. She had one child, Charles.

ELIZABETH PHELAN

Born 26 Oct. 1829 in Indiana, she married first on 5 July 1846 Miles D. Pruitt. He went to California to the gold fields, got the fever and died there. They had two children, **JOHN,** born in 1849 and **ANNE,** born after the death of her father. Anne married Francis Williford in 1867.

Elizabeth married second on 8 May 1854 to a widower neighbor the Rev. Thomas M. Brinson who had lost his wife in November of the previous year. Children of his first marriage to Mary (Polly) Rieff included John Martin, Susan, Martha, Elizabeth, James and Margaret. Elizabeth and Thomas M. Brinson had five children: 1. **W. C.,** a son, born about 1855; 2. **WILLIAM M.** born about 1856. He married first Nannie E. —. She died with her infant daughter on the day of its birth, Feb. 9, 1889. Both are buried at Comb'e Chapel. William's second wife, Caroline B. Brinson,





ABIJAH PHELAN FAMILY

. . . top photo, Abijah and Hanna Rogers Phelan; center left Lovada Elizabeth Phelan Allred; center right, William Richard Phelan; bottom left Maud Hanna Phelan Moore, right, Martha Catherine Phelan Brickey.

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN

Volume 23 of FLASHBACK will begin in February of 1973 and to be certain you don't miss an issue, fill in the blank, enclose your check and put it in the mail before you forget. And while you're at it, if you have a friend or relative interested in the history of Washington County, a subscription to FLASHBACK makes a most welcome and inexpensive gift.

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died on 21 Aug. 1907 and is buried in the Williford cemetery. He married once more. 3. **SARAH EMMA** (Sallie) born 25 Aug. 1859 at Fayetteville, Ark. She married John Alexander Land, son of Joseph Alexander and Mary Ann Waddle Land on 22 July 1877. She died at Gilbert, Ariz. on 19 April 1941. Their children were: Jessie Delbert, born 11 May 1878, died 10 June 1902; a son born and died on 21 May 1879; Joseph Alexander, born 11 Feb. 1881, married 17 March 1907 to Delia Jones, died 9 Nov. 1959. Walter Irving, born 13 Aug. 1883, married Anna Laura Clem, died 26 April 1954; John Martin, born 2 Dec. 1885, married first Alice Catherine Freeman, second Laura Kelly, died 26 Nov. 1958; Mary Elizabeth, born 16 May 1887 married Oscar Lynch, died 10 Oct. 1908; Robert Austin, born 6 Nov. 1889, married Fannie Kenton; Emma Adeline, born 14 April 1894 married Walter Story, Burl Edgar Stiner, Willis John Oiler, Art Mithcell and Thomas Ezell; Frank Dee, born 17 March 1900 married Beulah Mae Martin; Lilly Jewel, born 14 June 1902 died 15 June 1902. Robert Austin, Frank Dee and Emma Adeline live in Junction City, Ore. 4. **M. S.** a daughter born about 1860. 5. **RICHARD A.** born 1 Sept. 1864, died Oct. 25, 1890, buried at Comb's Chapel.

Thomas Brinson died in 1865 and is buried beside his first wife in Kings Cemetery at Black Oak. Elizabeth married third to Garner C. Newman on 1 Aug. 1870. They lived at Black Oak near Baldwin. She delivered many babies in the area and was a welcome visitor in all of the homes. Many remember her sunny disposition and diminuitive figure. She was a familiar sight riding her horse from home to home on her errands of mercy. She died of tuberculosis on 11 May 1909 and is buried beside her third husband who preceded her in death by 24 years. Both lie in Comb's Chapel.

THOMAS PHELAN

Born 27 Oct. 1830 in Illinois, he married Emily Ann Barnes, daughter of Jeremiah and Eunice Beasley Barnes on 26 Nov. 1856. They lived at Cincinnati and Siloam Springs, Ark. and in the Indian Nation. He died 17 April 1905 in Kansas City as he was returning from a trip to Calif. to visit his daughter. He is buried at Cincinnati. His children were: 1. **MARGRET E.** born 25 Feb. 1858 at Fayetteville, died 15 Oct. 1860. 2. **JONATHAN LOUIS**, born 24 Jan. 1860 at Fayetteville, married 23 Oct. 1891 Laura Jane Robinson. Died 10 June 1913. 3. **EMILY ANN**, born 8 Jan. 1862 at Fayetteville, married Hugh May, 18 Sept. 1879. Died 5 Nov. 1960 at Muskogee, Okla.

4. **MARY JANE**, born 21 Sept. 1864 on the Caw River in the Delaware Nation, died 6 Jan. 1868. 5. **DELANIE EUNICE**, born 16 Aug. 1868 at Cincinnati, died 13 Oct. 1872. 6. **TANDY TANNER**, born 29 May 1871 at Cincinnati, died 30 Nov. 1874. 7. **DORA LILLIAN**, born 26 March 1874

at Cincinnati, married Robert McCabe, died in California 20 May 1965. 8. **THOMAS TILDON** born 6 Aug. 1876 at Cincinnati, died 18 Sept. 1893. 9. **JERRY MAY** born 23 Feb. 1879 at Cincinnati. Married Elizabeth Whitten in 1898, Jody Wood and Cora May Vredenburg. He died at Fresno, Calif. He had six children: Nellie, Pearl, Earl, Roy, Lorine and Mable. 10. **ROSA LEE** born 13 Oct. 1881 married Manse McGuire. They had one daughter who died in infancy. She married second, Otis Hogan and had one son, Frank. Married third, Mr. Wilson, fourth, Mr. Katz, fifth, Mr. Baugh. She died in California. 11. **BESSIE EULA** born 31 Oct. 1884 at Cincinnati. Married first 8 May 1902 at Siloam Springs to William Perry Rushton. They had five children, the first two dying in infancy. The three others Dee Thomas, Carmel Emily and Pauline Bessie, live in California. William Rushton died 22 Feb. 1940 and Bessie married second Ed Ratcliff and third Richard Ford. She was an entertainer on stage and television and was still dancing at 85. She loves to write poetry and at 88 lives in Pico-Rivera, Calif.

JEREMIAH S. (or L) PHELAN

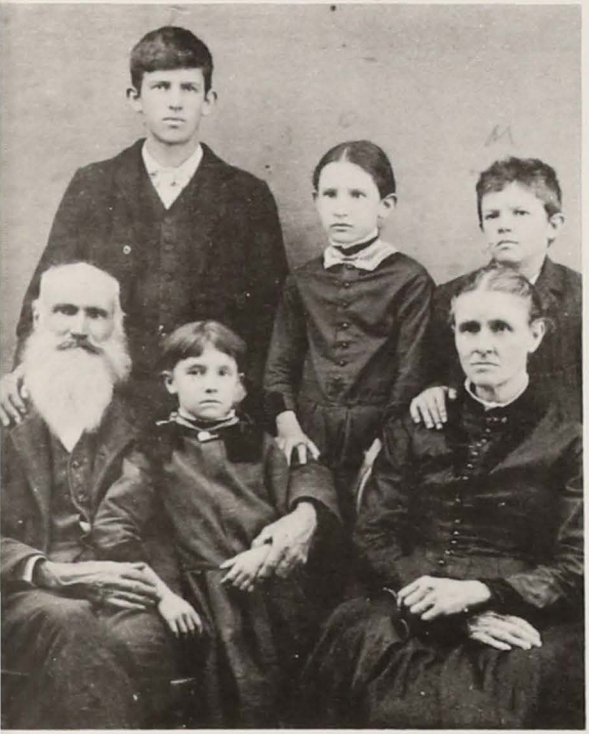
Born about 1832/33 in Missouri, he was the youngest of Richard's children who settled in Washington County, being only one or two years of age. He married Mary Ryan on Oct. 18, 1855. He died before 10 Nov. 1874 because his mother's will, written on that date, mentions Jeremiah's (sic) heirs.

CYRENE or CYRENA PHELAN

Born about 1835 was the first child born to the family after they settled in Washington County. She married John Matters and lived in Neosho, Mo. She had four children: **ELIZABETH (LIZZIE), ED, WILLIAM** and **DORA.**

YOUNG PHELAN

Born 22 Feb. 1836 at Fayetteville, he married Cecil Lucinda Russell on 6 March 1854. He had at least five children. He was a hunter and trapper. He often said when he was too old to jump over an animal he killed, he would quit hunting. There are numerous stories of his leaving Arkansas to live in Eureka, Humboldt County, Calif. He died 14 Feb. 1924 at the age of 87 years, 11 months and 22 days. His occupation, listed on his death certificate was trapper. Still handed down in the family of his brother, Abijah Taylor Phelan, is the "madstone" taken by Young from the head of a white deer he killed. People came long distances in those days to use this "stone" as a preventative for rabies when they had been bitten. Young is buried in the Myrtle Grove Memorial Park in Eureka, Calif.



SOME OF THE PHELAN FAMILY

. . . top left, Elizabeth Phelan Pruitt Erinson Newman; top right, Cyrene Phelan Matters; bottom left, the family of Thomas and Emily Ann Barnes Phelan; bottom right, Sarah Catherine Phelan, second wife of Abijah.

GIMERI PHELAN

Sometimes spelled Zimeri, was born about 1839 in Fayetteville. On Oct. 3, 1856 he signed an affidavit witnessing his parents' signatures. He was still lliving on 20 July 1860 when he was listed in Prairie Township in the census. His name was not found in the settling of his father's estate in 1867 nor was it mentioned in his mother's will. It is assumed he was no longer living in 1867.

MARGARETH H. PHELAN

Born 13 March 1846 in Fayetteville. (It is presumed the H. was for Hannah.) She married Jesse Thomas Mhoon, died 3 April 1886 and is buried at Comb's Chapel. Their known children were: 1. **JAMES E.** born 22 Nov. 1862, died 2 Dec. 1862, buried at Comb's Chapel. 2. **RENA A.** died 11 Aug. 1893. 3. **LAFAYETTE** born about 1868. 4. **M. IDAH** born about 1872. 5. **WILLIAM A.** born 17 Dec. 1873, died 10 Dec. 1886, a victim of a spinal disease. 6. **GUNTER** born about 1875. 7. **DAVID** born about 1878 and 8. **MARY** born about 1880.

ABIJAH TAYLOR PHELAN

My grandfather was born 19 Aug. 1848. He married first on 18 March 1869 to Hannah Catherine Rogers, daughter of Levi Richmond and Martha Jane Holt Rogers, both among the early settlers of Washington County. Hannah Catherine was born 15 Nov. 1852 at Fayetteville. She contracted measles during which she gave birth to twins. All three died at the twins birth on 25 April 1884. Abijah, called Bige, cared for his children with the assistance of his eldest daughter, Martha, who was twelve when her mother died until 2 Dec. 1888 when he married Sarah Catherine Zinnamon, widow of John Swift of Strickler. She was the daughter of William Ervin Zinnamon. She had three children with her when she came to the Phelan home as wife and mother and became a real mother to the four Phelan children still at home. Martha had married the previous year. Sarah's children were Ervin, Frank, Raymond and Florence Swift. Florence married Charles Patrick and lives in Albuquerque, N. M. The boys are no longer living, but two of Frank's children live in Farmington, Ark. — Mrs. Beulah Agnes Beavers and Hugh Eldon Swift. His other three sons, Elmer Ervin, Raymond Morris and Hayden Robert, all live in California.

Sarah had her hands full with this large family and shared her time and love equally among all the children. She and Abijah added two more girls to the family.

It was far from being "your" "mine" and "our" children, but was described by the children as one big, happy family. In the words of Uncle Frank. "Pa was a good man and no boy ever had a better father." Frank was 12 when Abijah and Sarah married. Mother described Sarah thusly:

"My own mother could not have been a better mother to me than 'mama' was." Her step-sister, Florence was near her age and both have said they were raised like twins, always being dressed alike. They became the closest of sisters. Aunt Flo wrote my mother many years ago, "I cried for a week after you left for California. I did not want you to go." In a letter to me a few years ago, she said the same thing.

Abijah was born in the house originally built by his father when he settled in Washington County. Abijah lived in that house all his life, remaining even after his marriage. All his children were born there. He died there of spinal meningitis on 6 March 1901, on mother's 20th birthday. He had taken his family to Strickler for a visit, became ill on the way home and lived only a short time after he arrived. He is buried by Hannah Catherine in Comb's Chapel with only a field stone to mark his final resting place. Sarah married Frank Beaver after Abijah's death. She died 3 Aug. 1937 at Gilmer, Texas.

ABIJAH'S CHILDREN

The children of Abijah and Hanna Rogers Phelan were:

1. **MARTHA CATHERINE** born 9 Jan. 1872. She married Fremont C. Brickey on 14 Sept. 1887. They had three children: **ETTA,** who died young, **JESSE HAYDEN,** whose name was later changed to Roy and **ABNER,** the youngest, who was born 2 Dec. 1898 and died of Whooping cough on 6 Aug. 1899.

Martha's husband was extremely cruel to her and eventually left, taking Jesse Hayden with him. He later changed the child's name to Roy to keep Martha from finding him. She searched in vain. On one occasion, she heard he was with a family in Kansas, but when she got there, he had been spirited away the day before. She went to California where she worked as a practical nurse and doing housework. Between jobs, she lived in our home and many of my most pleasant memories lead back to her. She loved us all as though we were hers and treated us accordingly. She bought me my first pair of silk stockings, my first high-heeled shoes and took me on my first bus ride. She let us watch when she looked through an old trunk which smelled of lysol when she opened it, always finding some treasure to delight us. She was unhappy when we were sad, dried our tears and treated our cuts and bruises. But the most poignant memory I have of her is lying beside her in the night and hearing her talk of her children, longing to once more see her son, but resigned to the fact that she would never find him. She never did. She died 8 Jan. 1943 and is in the Rose Hill Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif.

2. **LOVADA ELIZABETH,** born 28 Aug. 1874. She was the eldest child at home when her father remarried. She married William Price All-

red on 18 Aug. 1895. They moved to California and had four children: **MAUD, WILLIAM, FRANK** and **HERBERT.**

It was to her home my mother went when she first moved to California from Arkansas and it was in the garden of her home mother and father were married. Aunt Bettie had an unusual speaking voice. When I think of her, my first thought is the special quality of her voice. She married second to James Ralph and they had two daughters, **LUCILLE** and **IDA MAE.** Lovada died 14 March 1956 and is in Rose Hills Memorial Park.

3. **WILLIAM RICHARD,** born 22 Nov. 1877. He was a rancher at Montebello, Calif. He never married. He was almost blind, a result of typhoid fever. He was killed on 9 Sept. 1915 while riding with a friend on a tandem motorcycle. They had stopped to fix some problem with the motorcycle and was struck when a car swerved off the road. He is buried in Downey, Calif.

4. **THOMAS LEVI,** born 6 Nov. 1879. He married Kate Mench in 1909. They had four children. **THOMAS** who lives in Lincoln, Ark. **WILLIE RICHARD** of Neosho, Mo., **HATTIE JETER** of La Mesa, Tex. and **CLARISSA.** Thomas was also blind, having lost his sight from typhoid fever. He died 24 Dec. 1943.

5. **MAUDE HANNAH** (my mother) born 6 March 1881. She was named Maude May but her father changed May to Hannah after the death of Hannah Catherine. As a girl she worked for Mrs. McIlroy in Fayetteville doing housework and sewing. After her father's death in 1901 mother moved to California. Thirty-five years later she returned to Arkansas went to the McIlroy home and knocked on the door. Mrs. McIlroy greeted her with a hug and "Maud, I'd know you anywhere." Father followed mother to California in 1902 and they were married at Riveria on 27 Sept. 1903. My father was John Q. Moore, eldest son of Alfred Wallace and Elizabeth (Bettie) Hester Moore of Baldwin. John was born at Baldwin on 19 June 1878.

John Q. and Maude made their home in Montebello, Calif. where he farmed and hauled vegetables to the market. Later they moved to East San Pedro (Terminal Island) where he operated a barge for Union Oil Co. They later lived in Brea, and Lakeview, Calif. and finally in La Habra. John died on 4 March 1935 and is buried in Loma Vista Cemetery, Fullerton, Calif. where his parents also rest. Mother died 21 Sept. 1960 in Whittier of a heart attack and is buried beside father. She was 79 years. 6 months and 15 days old.

The children of John Q. and Maud Hannah Moore were: 1. **ALGIE MAY** born 5 June 1904 in Montebello, married Toy Marvin Blakemore (a native of Prairie Grove, Ark.) on 25 Sept. 1924. She died 28 April 1966 and is buried in Loma Vista cemetery. They had one daughter,

Doris Jean born 22 Sept. 1926 who married Michael Sprague Keegan. They have two children, Robert Kendal and Sandra Lee and live in La Harbra. 2. **JOHN ALFRED** born 15 Jan. 1907 at Montebello, married first Nettie Eugene Terrell on 28 March 1932, married second Sherley Allynn Pearson on 29 Aug. 1952. Retired from the California Highway Patrol, he is a justice of the peace at Hurricane, Utah. There were three children of his first marriage: Richard Alfred born 17 Jan. 1933, died 18 Jan. 1933; Alfred Eugene born 13 Sept. 1934 died 13 Feb. 1966 and John Lee born 6 Dec. 1939 married Bonnie Rene Lindgren and has three children, Mark John, Kelly Lee and Rory Mitchell. 3. **ALICE JOSIEPHENE** born 25 April 1909 at Terminal Island. She married Jesse Dale Herman 17 Nov. 1928 and had two children Dale Audrey born 17 Dec. 1934 married Susan Louella Kemp, 15 June 1957 — two children, Eric Dale and Lance Edward; and Glenda Ann born 1 July 1944 married Donald Edward Foreman, 5 July 1963, two children, Darren Edward and Travis Dale. 4. **ADA ELIZABETH** born 11 May 1917 at Brea. Married first Charles Cavanaugh Evans on 27 Jan. 1933, second Frank Luis Medieros. Died 13 Dec. 1967 at Tulare, Calif. and is buried in Loma Vista cemetery. Her children are: Cecil Raymond born 19 April 1934, lives in Fort Smith with two children, Charles R. and Corette Lee; Evelyn Mae born 7 Sept. 1935 married Robert Franklin Peterson on 19 April 1952. They live in Dallas with children, Larry Bruce, Carla Joyce and Jerry Randall. Of her second marriage, Ada E. had Mary Lucille born 21 Oct. 1942, lives in Orange, Calif.; William Stanley born 2 Dec. 1943, wife, Ellen, children, Frank and Sherrie; Ronald Jean born 18 March 1953, died at birth, Donald Dean born 18 March 1953, lives in Orange.

5. **ARDYS MAUD** (the author) born May 1917 in Brea, married Oct. 1936 to Leonard Owen Crapo. Their children are: Beverly Joyce, daughter of Leonard's first marriage to Ada Kate Story (born at Highfill, Ark.) born at Beuna Vista 22 Jan. 1934. She married Jack Sherwood DeBauh 21 Feb. 1952 and has two sons. Christopher Scott, born 27 June 1953 and Kirk Randel born 3 Aug.1955. They live in Anaheim. Roberta H. born 25 Feb. 1939 at Whittier, married first Forrest DeWitt Baldwin. Married second on 28 Aug. 1957 to Lawrence Ora Jones Jr. he died Jan. 1967 at Wake Island. They had two children Robert Lawrence born 28 May 1961 and Beverly Ardys born 23 March 1963. Roberta married Errol Lynn Johnson. They live in Hyrum, Utah.; Richard H. born 15 April 1943 at LaHabra. Married Irma Christa Nielson of Bremen, Germany 12 June 1965. They have one son, David Owen born 24 Nov. 1970.

THE OLD PHELAN HOME AS IT LOOKS TODAY

6. **ARTHUR MELBORN** born 8 May 1919 at Brea. Died of accidental injuries at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii on 20 Dec. 1950 after serving 10 years in the navy. He was at Pearl Harbor, receiving schrapnel wounds. He married on 20 Jan. 1945, Betty Louise Bennett. They had two children, Jacqueline Louise, born June 1946 and Arthur Melborn II born 15 Dec. 1947.

The sixth and seventh children of Abijah and Hannah were the twins who died the day they were born.

The children of Abijah and Sarah Catherine Phelan were: **LYDA** born about 1890, married John Craft, died about 1910 in Tahlequah, Okla. giving birth to her second child, which also died. Her one child was Juanita. **BERTHA MAE** born 7 Sept. 1893, married John Mathie Moore 27 July 1912 at Rosewood, Tex. They had four children: Raymond, Hiawatha (Bud), Juanita and John Mackey. Bertha married second Herbert C. Jones and died 7 July 1958 at Longview, Tex.

The old house wherein these many children were born and reared still stands near Fayetteville. It is still lived in. Built of large logs, the original part was two-story with a fireplace on each floor. It is now covered with siding and some native stone.

The addition of a bathroom caused contamination of the original well which can be seen beside the house.

When I visited the old home place several years ago, I was allowed to enter it and take pictures. Uncle Frank cried when told of the spoiling of the well. He said it was the sweetest water he ever tasted. He told us of the sink where the ground was not solid and could not be filled.

Mrs. Georgia Oliver, owner of the house, took us through the old barn — a masterpiece, designed to stand for centuries. I'm sure at one time, it outshone the house.

The little fireplace upstairs brought to memories the stories told by mother of her childhood. What a thrill it was to drag my hand down the stair way banister bringing to memory those in the past who must have done the same — my great-grandparents, my grandfather and his brothers and sisters; my mother and her family. It was a silent prayer to make them live again!

The front room floor, covered now and spotless, was a trifle uneven from the wear of so many feet over the century. I imagined my grand-

father playing there — learning to walk on that very floor. What a lot of life that old house has seen. How proud they must have been of it.

There are more memories, many more, but that is enough for now. Some must be saved for another time when THE BOOK shall come forth with a record of all my families from Arkansas — the Friends, the Hesters, the Holts, the Moores, the Painters, the Rogers, the Suttons, the Stevensons and the Wilsons. My roots are deep in Washington County, Arkansas.

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LETTERS AND QUERIES

I need information on the parents of my great-grandfather Maj. Samuel Evans whose will in 1896 named my grandmother Josephine Evans Poole and my father, William Frederick Poole. I have been told that papers of an early day merchant and postmaster, Samuel Evans have been given to the Washington County Historical Society and hope that Samuel Evans is mine. Any help will be appreciated.

Virginia Poole Larrabee, 414 B & A Blvd. N. E., Glen Burnie, Md. 21081.

Mrs. Jacquelyn Pyeatt Fenn, 2780 E. Grand River No. 221, East Lansing, Mich. would like to obtain copies of WCHS bulletin No. 8, "The Pyeatte and Carnahans of Old Cane Hill" and booklet no. 9, "Early Settlers of Cane Hill."

The society has only bound copies of these two bulletins. Does any one have one they'd care to give or sell to Mrs. Fenn?

I am doing research on the Reed family. Is there any FLASHBACK reader who will exchange material on this family with me. My grandmother was Mary Reed, daughter of Thomas Franklin and Barbara Rather Reed. She was granddaughter of William and Marguaret Robertson Reed. I would like very much to know the parents of William.

Mrs. R. L. Sellers, 3150 Redwood Dr., Riverside, Calif. 92001.

A Civil War Revolver

Early in this century a Benton County farmer working his fields strayed onto the rocky hillside of Pea Ridge to find this .36 caliber Colt Navy revolver rusting quietly among the rocks where, the evidence indicates, it had rested since the Battle of Elk Horn Tavern, a fight called the Battle of Pea Ridge by the Union Army.

Locked solid by rust and corrosion, the weapon is still loaded and its hammer at the safety position just as it was when it was dropped, in all probability by a soldier of either the Union or Confederate Armies.

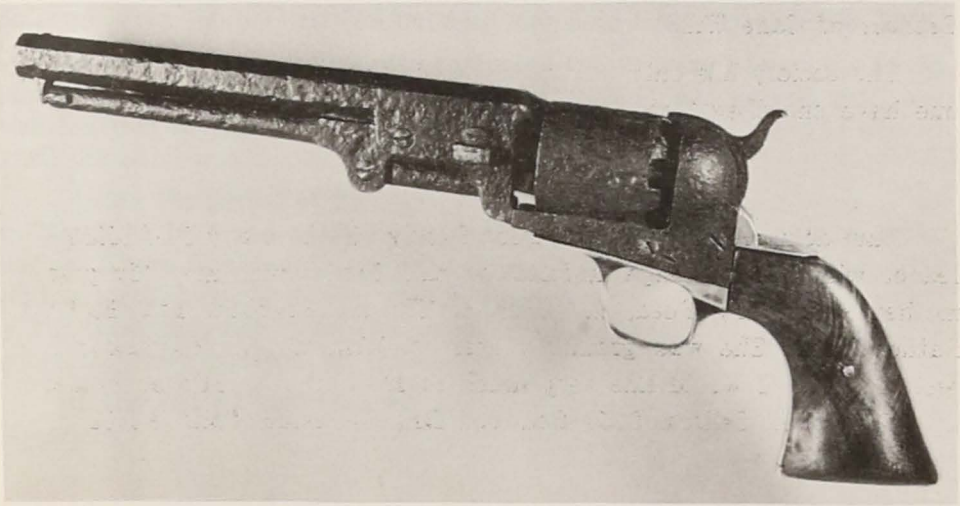
The light, fast-firing Navy revolver was a favorite with horse soldiers of both armies and although manufactured in the North, frequently found its way into the hands of the gray soldiers.

After the Civil War the Navy continued in use until it was finally retired by more modern revolvers using metallic cartridges. So, this weapon could have been lost by a post-war resident, although examination of the pistol argues otherwise.

When dropped on the battlefield the Colt was certainly a new weapon. Despite the disfiguring rust, its lines remain sharp and clear, unlike a revolver that had survived the war and years in the holster. The metal of such early weapons was relatively soft and the guns, especially around the muzzle, soon showed the softening signs or wear.

The revolver is owned by Jim Undernehr of Rogers, who bought it several years ago from the son of the original finder. Undernehr cleaned it of much of its rust and corrosion but has never been able to free the action and allow removal of the black powder charges in the cylinder.

The wooden grip shown in the photograph is a handmade replacement for the one that long ago rotted away.



The Bank of Winslow

By Lydia Pace Winn

The Bank of Winslow was organized in 1907 with J. M. Langston, a Mr. Slauter, a Mr. Harris of Springdale, J. R. Stockburger, Annie Stockburger Bishop of Fayetteville, Pleas Husley of Woolsey, L. L. Baggett of Prairie Grove, Acquilla Hutchens and Appy Brown of Brentwood, Noah Terry of Sunset, L. B. Fitzgerald, A. N. Cole, W. V. Lane, Wm. Spence, Mrs. Rose Miller, Dr. W. W. Mahan, J. A. Winn and George A. Winn, all of Winslow, as stockholders.

J. R. Stockburger was elected president, Fitzgerald, vice president and Geo. A. Winn, cashier with Fitzgerald as assistant cashier. He only served a short time then moved to Springdale.

Space was set up in the J. F. Black hardware store to carry on the business until a new building could be constructed.

The new building was a two-story brick structure, located on the west side of the railroad track, with the front facing east. It had three office rooms upstairs with steps leading up from an outside doorway. The entire front was plate glass with large letters across the center proclaiming

BANK OF WINSLOW

Capital $20,000.00

A big steel combination time lock safe was set on a concrete base at the entrance of the office and a fire-proof steel vault with a combination lock was built in the interior of the office. There were two teller windows to serve the public. The building was ready for occupancy in 1908.

Geo. A. Winn served as cashier during the 25 year life of the bank. Martha Winn was elected assistant cashier in 1911 and served until she was married in 1925. Lydia Winn was elected at that time and served until the bank was liquidated in 1931-1932.

During the period of its operation, the bank was robbed twice. Once in March of 1918 and again in 1931 when it was in the process of liquidation. There was an attempt once during the night to cut into the safe with a torch, but a little dog across the street barked so frantically that a big truck left out when the owner of the dog put on a light. Both robberies were covered by insurance.

In the fall of 1931 the following article appeared in the Winslow American:

"BANK OF WINSLOW ASKS DEPOSITORS TO CALL FOR THEIR MONEY; THE BANK SOLD TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK, FAYETTEVILLE.

"To our customers and Friends:

"We have sold the Bank of Winslow to the First National Bank of Fayetteville. All depositors are requested to get their money as soon as convenient. Our acting cashier, Omer Winn, assistant cashier, Miss Lydia Winn and the treasurer of the bank, Mr. W. V. Land, will be at the bank every day during the banking hours for a sufficient length of time, and will pay every depositor in full.

"The Bank of Winslow stockholders, directors and officers appreciate deeply the loyalty of our friends during the years our bank has served the community. It has been our purpose to do the very best a bank could for the substantial upbuilding and the accommodation, within safe banking limits, of our customers. From the day our doors opened to the present moment, it has been our unwavering purpose to see that no depositor of the Bank of Winslow should ever lose one cent, and we are making good this resolution.

"Through the depression, we have held out, maintaining for our customers a safe bank, but finally the time came when operating could no longer be done with even slight profit.

"This fact, together with the serious illness of our cashier, induced the decision to sell.

"We thank you all, and ask you to get your money from the bank as soon as convenient.

J. A. Winn, president; Geo. A. Winn, cashier and Stockholders."

The following resolution came from the Washington County Bankers Association:

"Whereas, it is the feeling of this association that the officers, directors and stockholders of the Bank of Winslow, under present conditions, used good business judgment by liquidating the affairs of said bank;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Washington County Bankers Association that we extend to said officers, directors and stockholders our congratulations upon their integrity, good judgment and ability in paying their depositors one hundred cents on the dollar of their deposits;

"And, be it further resolved that this resolution be made a part of our minutes and a copy be sent to the President of the Bank of Winslow.

The Washington County Bankers Association
by J. S. Campbell, chairman

The bank building was destroyed by fire in the early 1950's when the entire block of business houses west of the railroad track burned. It at that time, housed Shaffer's Grocery.

OLD BAPTIST FORD CHURCH BUILDING

. . . 1913 photo of building erected in 1870. A more modern building has replaced the old log structure.

Old Circuit Court Records

By Lloyd McConnell

In April, 1877, Judge J. M. Pittman occupied the bench as the term began. The Grand Jury seated the following citizens of the county:

Samuel Alberty, Andrew Henson, Lafayette Brewster, John Simpson, John Rainwaters, Robert Mayes, Richard Bean, Sidney Williams, Newton McCoy, Redding Putman, Abram Allen, John Phillips, G. Russell, Wright Frost, George Gibson and John S. Williams. Gibson was foreman.

Called for service but excused by the court were J. R. Dean and Benson Gregg, postmasters. John D. Thomas, William Lewis and James M. Pittman. The first two trustees of schools, and the third was the Circuit Judge. Judge Pittman excused himself — a man cannot be both judge and jury, although many have tried.

Thomas Blakemore, George Barnett, Ewing Benbrook and Henry Camey were excused, some being road-overseers, and one was not served, it being the custom in early days to take to the brush when the sheriff's horse was seen coming up the lane. One member was deceased.

The petit jury had on its panel Lafayette Brooks, John Brandon, John Matthews, Thomas Bridenthal, J. F. Anderson, William Cardwell, Thomas Jennings, William Massey, C. C. Conners, William Nolen, Henry L. Cate, H. J. Lockmiller, Jury Taylor, L. J. Gibson, E. H. Wilson, W. J. Malone, W. S. Hanna, A. K. Sawyers, Henry Byrd, A. K. Hodges, J. P. Sharp and Alfred Davidson.

John Wilson, James Oats, George Albright, J. L. Duke, Moses Baum, C. L. Summers, Thomas Hunt, Marshall Henry, Moses Tharp, John Walker, John Skelton, Newton Carnahan, John Uptgrove, William A. Vernon and James Baggett were among those excused for cause or sickness, and it was necessary to call from the by-standers to complete the jury. There were usually in the courtroom on the first day a sufficient number of men who were glad to be called — the county paid a fair wage in scrip — and they would have been at the court as onlookers anyway.

John Reed won a case at this term of court. He was accused of carrying a pistol, which most everyone did since the end of the war. Many hostilities were remembered and carried over for several years.

Robert McLinn was fined $25 for a similar offense. Wash Buchanan was arrested for racing his horse. Joseph Lyles kept a grocery open on Sunday and did not purchase a license. He had several other small misdemeanors charged to him and spent some time before the court.

Judge Pittman had evidently made up his mind to do some collecting of fines for misdemeanors, because he added "and 10 days in jail or at work on some county bridge, if the fine is not paid promptly" Many of the culverts and bridges needed attention.

Tinker Bailey was in a fight, and turned in a $10 bill to the county treasury. George Jones, George Feigan and Charles Culberson disturbed religious worship to the tune of $20 each. John O. Parks had a $50 fine tacked on for assault with a deadly thing, stick, rock, club or gun. He was also admonished that the bridges needed workmen.

Several charges of murder were on the docket. The jury trying Jerome Ganaway found him not guilty. His jury contained Lockmiller, Beaves, E. B. Moore, Bridenthal, Conner, Gibson, Cate, Brandon, Massey, Smiley, Cardwell and Matthews.

W. J. Gilliland had his murder trial postponed and put up $250 for bond until another term. Adam Reed, Jasper Farmer and H. J. Malone signed with him. Ennis Mills was charged with sabbath breaking. Enis (Enos) was a young blacksmith who kept a shop at Sulphur City in the early 1900s. He also rode at times with the Deputy United States Marshals seeking to capture outlaw Ned Christie.

James Mallicoat and Thomas Cavin were charged with trespassing on school lands — trespass being the cutting of a tie tree on the upper side of the road, and in another school district.

Samuel W. Peel was elected special judge to serve in cases where Judge Pittman would disqualify. Isaac N. Laws was on trial for murder. The jury found him not guilty. Including the names of jurors T. P. Harrison, Robert Reed, William Shafer, John M. Dearing and W. H. Jackson.

Alonzo Sawyers forked over $10 for selling to a minor. Calvin Rutherford was up before the judge. There were many Rutherfords in the County and some bore nicknames. Don't know whether this was dirty Cal or fighting Cal or someone else.

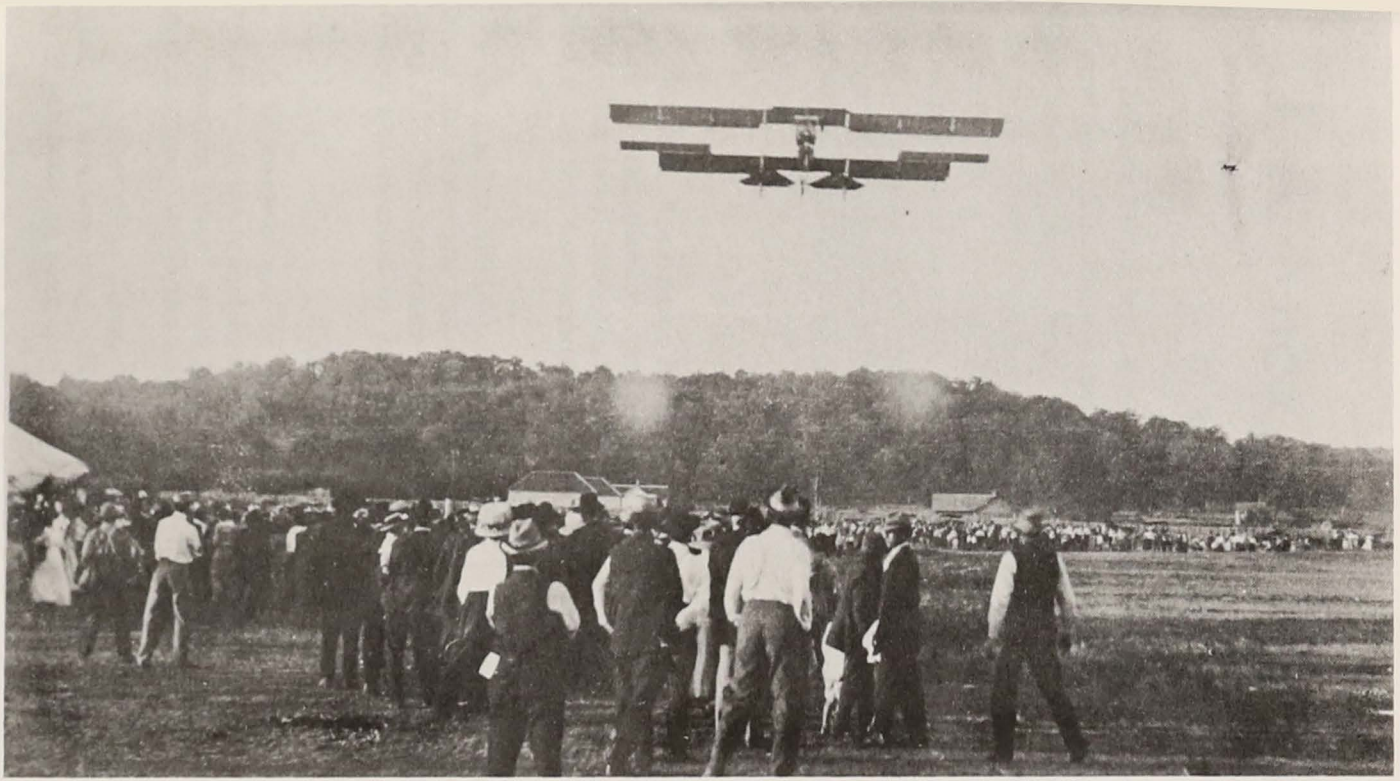
The Supreme Court on March 9, 1877, heard the arguments in the case of Mary Holcomb, sentenced to hang by this court. It was found the Circuit Court had erred — the case was returned for further proceedings.

Peter Van Winkle found it necessary to sue for some of the lumber be furnished to the fine homes in Fayetteville, and hauled from his mills at War Eagle.

Jesse Jones was on trial for murder and secured a postponement. Charles Crouch went before a jury who assessed him $50 for an assault to kill.

W. E. Nix filed a mechanics lien for his labor against L. W. Ballard.

In a Texarkana Circuit Court the following verdict was handed to the Judge: "We the verdict, find the jury guilty . . . . "



AIRPLANE FLIGHT IN FAYETTEVILLE

Early pilot, Glenn Martin, who later became famous as an aircraft designer and builder flies his pusher biplane at the Annual Washington County Fair on Oct. 5, 1911. Mrs. Roberta Fulbright, who was present for the flight recalled the pilot's name in the late 1940's and testified that it was the first flight in Fayetteville and Washington County. Plane was shipped in by railroad, assembled and flown at the old Fair Grounds.

J. A. Knox, Early Minister

By Ruth Holt Payne

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Ruth Holt Payne of Lincoln, always alert for information of a historic nature, sends information concerning J. A. Knox, an early Presbyterian minister in the Cane Hill area. She writes. "My niece bought a house in Lincoln and in cleaning out the attic found papers left by J. A. Knox. As he is not known to have ever lived in the house, it is a mystery how the papers came to be stored there. She gave them to me and after copying off the most interesting items, I gave them to his daughter-in-law, who was delighted to have them." Our Thanks to Mrs. Payne for preserving another bit of Washington County's history.)

James A. Knox was a minister of a Cumberland Presbyterian Church which was organized in Cane Hill in 1828. Born in 1855, he came to Cane Hill (then called Boonsboro) from Tennessee some time prior to 1888 as that is the first known date of his services in this area, as obtained from his papers.

On April 9, 1890 he married Nannie Houston — he was 35 and his bride 20. Both are listed as residents of the Clyde Community, near Cane Hill. The ceremony was performed by F. R. Earle, minister of the Gospel and recorded by J. E. Suttle, clerk of Washington County.

TAUGHT SCHOOL, TOO

Like many others of that era, he was both a preacher and school teacher. As the school house usually doubled as a church until a church or "meeting house" could be built, the preacher, usually a man of education, often taught the school.

At what time Knox "heard the call to preach" isn't known, but that he was preaching before the record of his ordination, is revealed in a notebook he kept.

Recorded in that notebook are dates of places where he preached, wedding ceremonies performed and funerals conducted. One notation

reads: "Sept. 7th, 1890, I commenced my third year's pastoral labors with the Clyde congregation. May God's blessing ever abide with us in our labor of love."

His ordination paper reads: "This is to certify that Bro. James A. Knox has this day been ordained and set apart to the full work of the Gospel Ministry of the Cumberlin (Cumberland) Presbyterian Church given by order of Washington (county?) Presbytery in Session, assembled at Huntsville, Madison County, Ark. on this day the 12th of October A. D. 1890. W. A. Langston, Mod., A. B. Johnson, stat ed clerk." This is in longhand with a printed form attached, signed by Jno. A. Bunch, clerk and ex officio recorder.

Knox' services were not confined to Clyde, which was probably his home base. His notes show that he preached in White Rock, Harmony, Dutch Mills, Mount Pleasant, Bethlehem, Prairie Grove, Dripping Springs, Cedarville, Wesley, Fly Creek, Evansville, Cane Hill, Cincinnati (1885), Cane Hill College (1892) and as far away as Harrison, West Fork and Huntsville, on occasion. His trips were probably made on horseback as his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Viola Knox of Lincoln, says she has his Bible that he carried in his saddle bag.

His salary seems to be whatever the congregation gave him, as he recorded the amount members gave him at times. Marriage fees were also what they wanted to give. Some of the ceremonies he performed are listed in the notebook as follows: "Mr. Keller to Mrs. McMiss of Stillwell, Nov. 27. Rec'd. $2.50. Mar. 23, 1892 Mr. T. H. Whelock to Miss Lizzie Rector. Rec'd. $1. April 26th 1897, Mr. R. L. Burnes to Miss Bessie Carter, $2.50.

"Nov. 16, 1896, Mr. L. H. Yates to Miss Annie Bodrwin (?), $2.50; Dec. 29, 1896, Walter Parker to Miss Vena Burger 50c. April 26, 1898, Lute Howard to Miss Etta Edmiston, $2.50. April 24, Frank Latta to Miss Janie Reed, $1. May 6, Hugh Yates to Miss Nannie Reed."

FUNERALS RECORDED

Funerals preached were recorded thusly: Jan. 29th at her home to a weeping audience. Afterward she was taken to Cane Hill College cemetery where she waits (sic) the resurrection of the just. Mrs. Maggie Cole professed faith in Christ about 11 years ago last Aug. and joined the C. P. Church at Boonesboro. Died Jan. 28, 1893. Mary E. Glidewell

Oct. 31st, 1892 at Antioch. Oct. 26th, 1895 Mrs. Cornia Anderson. Funeral services at Bennie Parker's house where she died. There was great demonstrations of hope.

"Feb. 19, 1892 Tandy Kidd. The Lord was present. Many gave expression of a desire to meet him in heaven. Age 21 years. May 11, 1888 Tanna Pleasant Kidd, son of J. H. and E. E. Kidd. To a large congregation and the most affected congregation I ever saw on such an occasion. Nov. 26, 1891 Ben Rector, age 16 years. To a large congregation which was wonderfully affected. Sept. 20, 1896 Alvin Leach age 19, son of James and Sarah Leach. Many friends and weeping relatives were at his interment."

SCHOOL'S TAUGHT

First notice of his school teaching, found among his papers, was in 1896 when S. W. Morrow, D. A. Edmiston, Z. T. Howard, directors of 49 district of Morrow employed J. A. Knox to teach in Morrow school, term five months, salary $25. In 1897 he was hired to teach a subscription school of from 3½ to 4 months, each pupil paying "$1 per month due at the end of the term."

In 1898 Thomas B. David, W. F. Rodgers and J. H. Kidd, directors of school district 104 employed Knox to teach a three-month term at Clyde, Salary $22.50 per month, open 8 hours. In 1901 S. H. Crawley and W. C. Brewster, directors of school district 63, Wn. Co. (Washington County) employed Knox to teach a term of four months at Fall Creek school house. Salary was $31 per month, open six hours.

W. W. Yates, W. E. Trewhitt and W. J. David, directors of school district 104 hired Knox to teach a term of five months at Clyde, salary $25, open six hours.

C. C. Glidewell, M. D. McCamish and T. W. Brewster, directors of district 118 employed Knox to teach a six-month term at Lenore for $40 per month in 1916.

J. A. Freeman, W. B. Gadd and Troy Scraper, directors of district 132 employed Knox to teach a four month term at Antioch in 1918 at a salary of $55 for six hours daily.

Licenses to teach were issued to Knox dated 1896, 1898 and 1909 — no others were found in his papers.

Knox died in February of 1929. Both he and his wife are buried in the Lincoln Cemetery.

Dr. Boone Is Fenced In

A mile and a half west of Greenland, along a country road that has turned south, lies a small, rural cemetery. Unused for more than 100 years and covered with vines, brush and small trees, it has remained screened from view of those hurrying by.

It is a historic spot, for here in 1835 came Dr. James Monroe Boone, one of the county's early doctors, to leave the body of his wife, Sophronia Smith Boone, called Sophia by those who knew her.

Within three months he came again, this time bearing the lifeless form of his little daughter, Cornelia, who did not survive a fever. One other small grave, inscribed REED, lies nearby.

In June, 1856 Dr. Boone, who was one of the leading citizens of the county, was living in a fine brick home a mile north of Elkins on the road leading to Fayetteville. At that time, Elkins was not there and the road ran along the foot of the hills. He owned hundreds of acres of land.

It was here in May, 1856 that his slaves came at night to demand his money, and failing in that, to beat him into unconsciousness and leave him in the hallway of his home. He did not recover.

In June he came in death to the cemetery to be with those he loved.

Dr. Boone homesteaded the land west of Greenland in 1836. His home was probably built just above the cemetery and the farm later known as the Rutherford home. He later moved and established a store and post office at Boone's Grove.

Last year came another Boone, named Jeff from New Mexico, seeking the burial place of his kin. He visited the grave, obtained permission to fence the plot, and came by the Historical Society office to leave an estimate of the amount needed and a check to apply on it. Other Boone kin were contacted and the money came in — $195.

Mrs. Nora Moore and her daughter, Ruth Shipman sent checks, so did Hugh Boone, James B. Childs of Washington, Gladys and Fannie Calico and Mary Jane Woods. The Kuehnert relatives and Inez Taylor brought money and a check came from Lila Boone Michael and Vera Boone Maddry of Fort Worth.

Joe S. (Sandy) Boone visited the site and decided a gate should be installed in the fence. He furnished the gate at his own expense.

A tile is to be added so the deep ditch may be crossed. Vines and brush will need to be cut, grass mowed and stones straightened. The gate must be kept closed. A sign, this is a pioneer BOONE cemetery will be placed.

The work finished one of the workmen piled his tools into the truck, surveyed the job and asked: "How long has the good doctor been gone?" "A hundred and seventeen years," I replied. "H . . . m", he said, "bet he done give it up long ago ever getting a fence built."

—Lloyd McConnell

FAMILIAR COUNTY SCENE

. . . early mill at Elkins showing some of the customers of the day. Can anyone identify the year the picture was taken or any of the men shown.

Marriages In 1882

By Lloyd McConnell

Lafayette Crow, 22 and Miss Lillie Norwood, 16, of Prairie Grove, went before Justice of the Peace and later County Judge, on Dec. 31, for an end of the year wedding.

From Goshen, Jasper Newton Culwell, 30 and Miss Mary Jane Howard went before the Rev. Moses Dutton, and were married March 16.

Samuel Cunduiff, 24 and Miss Emily Kenney, same age, were married on Nov. 2, by A. J. Vaughan, a Minister. They were Goshen people.

J. H. Dailey and Mrs. E. J. Bostwick, 33 and 39 years were married by the Rev. H. M. Welch, the date being Jan. 24.

Another Springdale couple, M. P. Daniel, 21 and Miss Clarissa Blake, went to the Rev. A. G. Smith, on Aug. 5, for their ceremony.

From over on War Eagle, R. L. Danly, 27 and Miss Martha E. Hise, took their vows on Oct. 8, before the Rev. W. C. Crain.

Another War Eagle couple, W. H. Dauson and Miss Margaret Vaughan 22 and 23, came to Justice of the Peace C. S. Hauptman, on March 1.

George W. Davis, 31, and Miss Lilly C. Potter, 20, had Sam R. Caudle, a Justice of the Peace perform their wedding business on Sept. 24.

James M. Davis, 32, and Miss Mary L. Davidson, 26, took their vows before the Rev. John B. Carpenter, on June 11. They were Cincinnati folks.

From Evansville came Josiah M. Denton, 32 and Miss Mary B. Lewis, 24, to wed before Young Ewing, Jan. 8.

Mac Devin, Fayetteville, 25, went to Maguires Store for Miss Bedia Maguire, 22, on Jan. 4, the marriage by Minister of the Gospel S. W. Davies.

John W. Dickinson, 26 and Mrs. Sarah E. Hornbuckle, 30, of Wedington, went before Justice of the Peace J. E. Dunlap, on Feb. 2.

John L. Dickinson, 32 of Fayetteville, and Miss Lucy V. Cunningham, also of Fayetteville, and 22, were married by Justice of the Peace John Cox, on Jan. 24.

L. Dickson, and Miss S. P. Troutt 26, and 21, were wed by the Rev. B. Williams, on Sept. 30.

William Donaghy 27 and Miss Viola Guy, 24, of Winslow, obtained license and wed before L. W. Davies, a minister, Dec. 16.

E. H. Dorman 24 and Miss Dora A. Cohea, 17, Prairie Grove, were married Dec. 29, by the Rev. B. W. N. Simms.

John A. Drummond, 38, went to Durham, for 21 year old Elizabeth Gray, and Justice Daniel Blevans, read their ceremony on Jan. 23.

W. H. Duke, and Miss Belle Richards, both 22, of Winslow, married on Feb. 6, with Justice W. H. Hogg officiating.

M. J. Dutton, Goshen 20, and Miss Nevada Scott, 16, also of Goshen, were married by J. R. Kelly, a Minister, on Oct. 19.

A Winslow couple, Thomas R. Edmiston and Miss Mary Hart, both 20, were married by their minister Joseph Waddell, on April 9.

J. H. Engle 34, and Miss Frances M. Lee, 20 both of Strickler, were married by the Rev. R. M. Wood on Feb. 14.

B. W. M. Simms, a minister of the gospel, married Dutch Mills couple J. T. Evans, 25 and Miss Alice White 22. The date was Sept. 10.

J. J. Ewing and Miss H. J. Carmac, 42 and 33, both of Fayetteville were married by the Rev. F. Wainright, Aug. 18.

Making the pronouncement for H. L. Fallin 30 and Miss Rachal A. Jones, both of Dutch Mills, she 23, was Ira Williams, a Minister. The date was July 27.

Joseph Farley, 63 and Mrs. Sophia C. Strong, 43, were united in a ceremony by the Rev. Gay Waters, Dec. 7.

Abraham Flowers and Mrs. Adaline Bean, both 40 and from Evansville went to the Rev. Isaac Brown on Feb. 28, for their wedding.

Dock Flowers, 22 and Miss Rhoda Funkhouser, 20, were married by Green Jenkins, a minister, on Aug. 27. Both were from Boonsborough. (Us courthouse folks spell like WE want to.)

Hiram Fulmer, 38 and Mrs. Iravilla Brown, 28, were married by the Rev. B. W. N. Seivers, on Jan. 9. Cincinnati people.

The Rev. John Mayes performed the ceremony for John V. Gauldin, 34 and Miss Addie Widows, 20 of Fayetteville, on Jan. 19.

James Goodrich, 21 of Winslow, came up for Miss Mary Smith, 19, of Fayetteville, for a ceremony in Dec. by the Rev. Peter H. Hawkins.

Lafayette Gollaher, 26 and Miss Fannie Wilson, 23, of Fayetteville were married by Ordained Minister Eli Baker. The date was Nov. 9.

R. M. Wood, was the Feb. 2, minister for the wedding of Charles Granger and Miss Louiza Tune, 29 and 24 years of age who lived at Boonsboro.

William S. Graves and Miss Sarah E. Gearhard, both of Springdale were married by John T. Boyd. He was 21 and she 18. The date March 19.

Reuben R. Green 28 and Miss Rebecca E. Danly, 19, their address War Eagle Mills, took their license to the Rev. J. W. Dutton on Sept. 17. War Eagle Mills may have been at that time in Washington County.

Two early-settler families of Hazel Valley country were united in marriage on Dec. 30, when S. H. Guinn 26, took as his wife Miss Sorilda Nichols, 20. Mr. Guinn later was the Sheriff of Washington County.

George Hadon Bland and Miss Addie Fredrick, 22, of Winslow, were married on May 18, by Conrad Yoes, a Minister.

Round Mountain Students

By Robert Phelan

Round Mountain was one of the early schools of Washington County, Ark. It was located about three miles north of the small town of West Fork, Ark. It was less than one mile east of present U. S. 71 Highway.

The school is no longer in existence, but I know many of us still have fond memories of the place. These are the students I can remember. This was from 1915 to 1924.

Wayne Walker
Wilma Walker
Wanda Walker
Donald Walker
Mildred Walker
Sylvia Walker
Bonnie Walker
Kenneth Walker
Loy Stockburger
Ray Schuler
Agnes Schuler
Fred Schuler
Marvin Harp
Chester Harp
Pearl Harp
Frances Harp
Berniece Harp
Connard Smith
Kenneth Smith
Roberta Smith
Ethel Winn
Nelson Winn
Louise Malone
James (Buster) Malone
Elizabeth Malone
May Black
Lucile Black
Nora Alice Black
Dove Wilcox
Lemuel Wilcox
Leon Wilcox
May Beals
Alfred Beals
Dee Patton
J. Y. Dowdy
Pete Dunham
Marvin Roseberry
Margaret Roseberry
Esther Phelan
Bert Phelan
Frank Phelan
Leroy Phelan
Lois Arnold
Lucile Arnold
Opal Arnold
Velma Arnold
Fred Northcross
Exie Northcross
May Reeves
Violet Reeves
William Reeves
Walter Mountcastle
Frances Mountcastle
Porter Collins
J. P. Collins
Margarete Collins
Mary Collins
John Charles Volentine
Robert Volentine
Chester Roberts
Todd Roberts
Emma Roberts
Mary Bell Roberts
Ellis Rutherford
Burl Rutherford
Ted O'Brien
India Jeffery
Tom Jeffery
Howard Jeffery
Mamie Collins
Jim Collins
Ila Bea Harris
Fred Harris
Emma Harris
Howard Rheam
Fred Woodruff
Pete Woodruff
Edith Dearing
Mark Kirkpatrick
Wathan Kirkpatrick

My first teacher was Frank Thrasher.
My last teacher was Bernice Karnes.

Queries

I am looking for ancestors who were in Northwest Arkansas in the early 1830's. I need all the information possible on HENDERSON, GOAD, RAY, COMBS and some others. I am interested in finding something on a William Henderson GOAD who enlisted in the Union Army at Fayetteville. He was suppose to be with some scout company. Can anyone help me find his unit so I may obtain information from the National Archives.

Ruth Goad Trousdale, 2214 Sage St., Carlsbad, N. M. 88220.

My great-great grandfather was Francis D. WALKER, born 1801 in Kentucky. He was the son of Watt (or Wyatt) Walker. Francis D. sometimes went by the name of Franklin. He married Mary Jane COUNDRY in Kentucky. They moved to Jackson County, Tenn. and from there to Arkansas and Texas. He died in Benton County near Siloam Springs. He is said to be related to the Fayetteville Walkers. Can anyone help me find if he fits into the Fayetteville Walker family?

Mrs. T. E. Gray, Route 1, Elmwood, Okla. 73935.

I am interested in any information which would help me prove the parentage of A. J. GILSTRAP. I feel he was one of the children of Isaac GILSTRAP who was listed in Cove Creek Twp. in the 1850 census of Washington County. A. J., a forefather of W. W. Keeler, principal chief of the Cherokees, was born in 1829 in Tennessee. Isaac Gilstrap was the only Gilstrap in the entire state of Tennessee in 1830. Anyone having any information to help please contact me.

Lillian Moeller, 130 Ramblewood, Bartlesville, Okla. 74003.

I would like very much to find what ever possible about my great-grandfather Granville SHANNON and about the SHANNON-FISHER feud, which as I understand it, may impede my research. I feel certain I have traced Granville's line back to Pennsylvania, but just now cannot positively connect his father, Joseph Shannon with that line.

Michael Shannon, 1507 Marshall, Houston, Tex. 77006.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Shannon sent us a picture of Col. A. M. Shannon which will be appearing in a future issue of FLASHBACK.)

From The Editor

Another year has come and gone as far as FLASHBACK is concerned. This is the fourth and final issue of our 22nd continuous year of publication. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those who have helped make FLASHBACK possible by submitting family histories and records for publication.

An especially big thank you has to go to our secretary, Lloyd McConnell for his Old Circuit Court Records and the marriage records of the 1880's. Lloyd spends hours in the courthouse extracting information for these articles and they are always in good condition and on time. (Something an editor appreciates).

There have been a lot of changes in FLASHBACK since it was an eight-page mimeographed bulletin back in 1952. We're proud of the changes instituted in the past two years, but it takes a lot of work . . . even with the quarterly now being printed. Although the book looks smaller, it takes a lot more words and pictures to fill than it did when it was mimeographed, so anyone having material of a historic nature is invited to submit it for consideration.

We have dispensed with the membership list this year.

Remember, it is dues time again. Everyone who fills out the enclosed pink form and returns it to the society complete with a check for $5.00 will help the Society immensely by preventing us having to send a reminder. Membership has increased to almost 700 and goes up almost daily. We're proud of our society and its publication.

At the September meeting of the Board of Directors plans were laid to provide a few courtesy subscriptions to small-town libraries in the immediate area of Fayetteville and to instigate an exchange program with other societies in the area in order to build our own library and to make FLASHBACK available to more people who may not know about it.

It's a little early yet to announce what FLASHBACK will include in the coming year, but we promise that each issue will contain things of a historic nature pertaining to Washington County.

We had hoped to publish another in our bulletin series this year, but since the editorial staff all hold full-time jobs and with the confusion surrounding the change to a printed publication, we failed in that goal. Perhaps we will be more successful in 1973. We still have hopes to publish a booklet on cemeteries in the county, perhaps some 1880 marriages and maybe memoirs of Dr. H. E. Buchanan of Prairie Grove area.

Anyone having old records or things of a historical nature they'd like for us to consider for publication is invited to submit them.

One final vote of thanks goes to Ken Good of Fayetteville who designs the covers for FLASHBACK and lends valuable photographic assistance.

—Dorris Hendrickson

The President's Report

1972 was one of the best years ever in the history of our society, and I have been extremely proud to have served as your president during this term. In this limited space only the highlights of the year can be related, but they indicate well enough some of the progress we have made.

No doubt the most dramatic accomplishment of the year was our campaign to save the Sarah Northrup Ridge house from extinction and our purchase of it last spring. The creative force behind the campaign was Pat Donat, who was supported by Dr. Cyrus Sutherland's excellent architectural studies and the persistent fund-raising efforts of Betty Lighton and Al Donaubauer.

In conjunction with this campaign we sponsored two archeological digs on the Ridge House land and unearthed many fascinating artifacts and fragments. Every piece has been classified and the fragments are now being slowly pieced together by members of our society.

Equally important was our decision to have FLASHBACK printed instead of mimeographed. Both in format and in quality, our quarterly has become more professional — largely due to the blood, sweat and tears of our editor Dorris Hendrickson — and promises to continue as the most significant record of our county's history.

We also held an auction during the year for the Ridge House fund. The Tom Lavenders' organizing genius and sheer physical effort were primarily responsible for its success.

Perhaps the surprise of the year was Cy Sutherland's brainchild, our ice cream social, which will now be held annually. Under Cy's direction the social was, I thought, brilliantly organized. Not only did we make several hundred dollars, we received excellent publicity for the occasion.

Several hundred people "discovered" the existence of Headquarters House for the first time, and everyone seemed to have a full evening of fun.

Then our membership increased, up to nearly 700 members; more visitors came to Headquarters House than in any previous year; we received several valuable gifts for the museum and Headquarters House, including some nice memorial donations and a gift of a thousand dollars from Mrs. Nina Trible for restoration of Headquarters House. We also laid plans for the first active publicity campaign we have ever had, to go into effect in 1973.

Finally, our social activities and the operation of Headquarters House seemed to me always to run perfectly, but that deceptive grace was in large measure due to the efforts of the Bunn Bells, Helen Bocquin, Jane Jones and a wonderful group of hostesses.

It was a good year because it was a year of good people working with me. To all, I am grateful.

Dwain Manske

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